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**China: Endorsement Letter for GEF PDF-B Project
China Biodiversity Partnership Framework (CBPF)**

Dear Mr. Khalid Malik,

This is to advise you that Ministry of Finance, as the GEF Focal Point for China, would like to endorse the captioned project to be submitted by UNDP for GEF support.

The partnership aims at building momentum around the programs of many partners, leading to a shift in the national approach to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, to a fuller integration of biodiversity into development at all levels, and providing a vehicle to address the many weaknesses in environmental policy, management system, public awareness raising, inter-sector and inter-regional management coordination etc. There is already good collaboration with EU, WB, UNEP, TNC, CI, WWF and UNF, etc. All the agencies have already expressed a strong interest in participating in the CBPF. Over-time, the partnership will be allowed to expand to include provincial and local government agencies in China, and other international partners supporting biodiversity.

The partnership represents a new approach to biodiversity conservation in China. GEF is the only facility with sufficient credibility and neutrality to encourage international donors and NGOs to participate in the partnership. GEF's support will give essential credibility to the partnership. Meanwhile, many GEF concepts and experiences will be incorporated in the establishment of this partnership.

As the GEF focal point of China, MOF, together with State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), as the leading agency of biodiversity

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conservation in China, will play the role of coordination in the development and implementation of the partnership. With the partnership, sustainable development mode for biodiversity conservation, which is in compliance with the principle of country-driven and global environmental benefits, will be established. In this connection, China will not only gain from, but also contribute to the biodiversity conservation at the global level.

We are looking forward to a close cooperation with UNDP and a successful implementation of the project.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

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